SUPREME JUSTICES ARE GUARDING THEIR INCOME-TAX OPINIONS.

Final Decision of the Troublesome Question Likely to Be Rendered by the Court on Monday.

SURMISES AS TO THE RESULT

MAJORITY OF THE JUSTICES SAID TO BE OPPOSED TO THE LAW.

Five Members of the Court. It Is Believed. Will Declare the Act to Be Unconstitutional.

WASHINGTON, May 18.-The annual shadbake of the District Bar Association proved so much more attractive to some of the justices of the Supreme Court today than the consultation room that the usual Saturday conference of the Supreme Court was postponed until next Monday morning. As a consequence of this postponement the final conclusion on the income tax cases has been deferred until then. The second conference on the question is made necessary, according to best information obtainable, by the fact that the position of at least one of the members of the court, believed to be Justice Shiras, was not definitely and absolutely announced last Saturday. When the conference of last Saturday closed Justices Harlan, Brown, White and Jackson held a separate consultation under circumstances which made it appear quite certain that Justice Jackson held the constitutionality of the law, and were known to have been four was generally drawn that, with the accession of Justice Jackson, the majority would be found on the affirmative side when that one of the justices who had formerly to consider the case as presented at the impression that when the opinion shall be the nine justices are opposed to details and that the law will

court who opposed the law from the beginning are hopeful and fairly confident of this result, but they will not allow themselves to feel absolutely assured until the final vote shall be taken prior to going into court on Monday. The justices opposed to the law also consider it possible that at this final conference when it appears, if it shall so appear, that they are in the majority, they may secure other accessions. calls them, are said not to be is supposed. It is said that the opinion is now being prepared on the theory that the opponents of the law will have five votes (that is a majority), and in this event, the opinion of the court, it is said, will again be the work of Chief Justice Fuller. There is a possibility that the opinion may not be handed down on Monday next. The members of the court are themselves of the opinion that it will be, but they say that in view of the possibility of changes, it is impossible for them to say positively. Probably in no case that has before been printed in advance of its delivery to deliver it from the manuscript of the justice who should prepare it, but it is understood that this conclusion has been reconsidered. The opinions will probably first decided, and it is not yet known whether there will be more than one dissenting opinion.

A WAR SHIP DESTROYER.

Experiments with a Shell That Explodes After Piereing Thick Armor. WASHINGTON, May 18.-Having attained a remarkable degree of success in securing for the navy a semi-armor piercing shell of domestic manufacture, which is capable of piercing armor as heavy as can be carried on the sides of a battle ship the ordnance officers of the Navy Department have been giving much attention to the after results to a blow from such shell. First an exhaustive set of experiments were made to settle on a perfect fuse, one that would be sure not to explode the shell on the outside of the armor plate where it would do on harm, and would yet delay the explosion only long enough to allow the shell to just enter the hull and not pass out of the other side. This was reduced to great perfection, the model fuse getting the shell through a thick plate and exploding it ten or fifteen feet in the rear, just about the danger zone in such cases. Then the ofacers, who were in some doubt whether in making the shell of sufficient strength to herce a thick plate they had not made it oo strong to be exploded by the powder marge it would contain, determined to exment in this line. Two days ago three Two of these plates were eighteen menes thick, representing the armor of the inches thick, all being heavily backed. On top of this chamber so formed three-inch plate a thirteen inch wheeler semiplercing shell was placed, with an fuse connection. This particular alreay been fired clean through seven-inch Harvey plate without injury. an explosive charge of fifty-six of black powder. When this was off there was a mighty blast and was filled with smoke and gas- and ing fragments of shell. One of the big eighteen-inch plates weighing forty-three driven bodily backward three , one end of the other was forced back eight feet, the top plates were blown off dished and a big piece sheared off. The plates were also battered and



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ed by the fragments of the shell of

sixty were recovered, weighing half it was clear that if such a shell had ed inside of a vessel it would have

crushed in the protective deck and perhaps have destroyed the engines and boilers. The experiment was regarded as satisfactory in every respect.

Pension Rulings. WASHINGTON, May 18.-Assistant Secretary Reynolds, of the Interior Department, has decided that when an attorney neglects

to explain within a year his client's failure to appear for medical examination on his application for a pension the attorney forfeits all claim; also, that a declaration not executed before some person entitled to administer oaths in pension cases is void. If a later valid declaration is made it does not entitle the claimant to receive a pension dating back to the filing of the void application. The Assistant Secretary has also decided that where a pension has been granted to several minor children the pension of each is chargeable with a propor-tionate part of the fee to the attorney by whom the claim was prosecuted. If pension to one of the minors should be withheld there is no fund available for the payment of that portion of the fee.

Where Are Purdue's Graduates?

WASHINGTON, May 18.-The Agricultural Department is experiencing great difficulty in securing employes competent to conduct the official soil investigation. For some time Secretary Morton has been endeavoring to secure men trained for the but few candidates have appeared. and the civil-service examinations have not resulted satisfactory to the department. An publication reviews this difficulty and urges more general training for the field in the future. It advocates special work on this line in educational institu-

Coffee Crop Short. WASHINGTON, May 18 .- The coffee crop of South and Central America this year will be about 10 per cent, short of the crop last year, according to statistics received here. The Brazillian crop last season was 7.100,000 bags, and the new crop is estimated at considerably less. The Mexican and Central American crops are increasing yearly. The world's consumption of coffee last year was 11,357,250 bags, of which the United States was first as a consumer and Brazil first as a producer.

Kickapoo Lands to Be Opened. WASHINGTON, May 18 .- The President this afternoon signed a proclamation opening to settlement, beginning noon Thursday, May 23, the lands of the Kickapoo Indian reservation in Oklahoma. The reservation consists of 216,000 acres, but 131,000 of this has been withheld for allotments of the Indians and for school indemnity purposes, leaving 85,000 acres to be taken up. The lands are subject to ordinary homestead entry at the price of \$1.50

General Notes.

WASHINGTON, May 18 .- To-day's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, \$182,460,859; gold reserve, \$97,150,445.

The Secretary of the Navy has received a dispatch from Captain Davis announcing the arrival of the Montgomery with the Funeral services were held to-day over the remains of Rear Admiral Almy, who The pallbearers are Admirals Hughes, Upshur, Jouett and Roe, Generals Vincent and Drum, Pay Director Caswell, Judge Hagner and Mr. Charles Albert. The Loyal Legion and the Association of California Forty-niners attended the services in a body.

SERIOUS CASUALTIES

MANY PERSONS MEET DEATH OR IN-JURY IN VARIOUS WAYS.

Trolley Car Goes Through a Bridge-Tenement House Falls-Electric Cars Collide-Other Accidents.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., May 18 .- Trolley car No. 16, of the Citizens' line of the Schuylkill Valley Railroad Company, plunged through the overhead bridge crossing the Trenton cut-off branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's tracks in Plymouth township this afternoon, fatally injuring two persons and seriously injuring four others. The fatally injured are: Motorman Charles Naylor, of Norristown; conductor Frank Smith, of Norristown. The seriously injured are: Mrs. Frank Birmingham, Norristown, cut about the face and body; Mrs. its deliberations after the first hearing in | Harry, Haas, Norristown, cut about the face and shoulder; Mrs. Johnson, of Gulf Mills, injured internally; Francis Baxter, of Norristown, injured internally. Both conductor Smith and motorman Naylor, who were in charge of the car, are injured in-

ternally and badly cut about the face.

Collapse of a Building. PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 18 .- A twoand-a-half-story wooden tenement house owned by Joseph Lemoine, and occupied by several French families in Coventry, in that part known as "Jericho," seven miles from this city, collapsed late yesterday and three persons were killed and eleven injured. It is thought that two of the latter are fatally hurt. The building had been raised to permit the building of another story beneath it. The killed are: Mrs. Mabel Guertin, fifty years old; Asa Aldrich, fiftyfive years old, workman; two and a half year old child of Louis Lemoine. The injured are: Mrs. Joseph Lemoine, aged seventy years, probably fatally; Noah Richardso, workman, probably fatally; Mrs. Louis Lemoine, thirty-five years old, seriously; Fred Balliere, ten years old, scalp wounds; Frank Lemoine, eighteen years old, leg fractured; Joseph Lemoine, eighty-five years old, serious contusions; - Gosselin, ten years old, scalp wounds and shoulder crushed. Two small children named Gauniere were also injured. Two others suffered

Electric Cars Collide.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 18 .- A number of people returning home from the baseball game last evening were injured and one seriously in a collision between electric cars on University avenue. The cars were crowded and had the rear one been running at a greater rate of speed the accident might have been attended with loss of life. The injured were: Arthur Strauss, elerk for Foot, Schulz & Co., internal injuries; Matt Jense, chief clerk State Treas-urer's office, right shoulder crushed; Louis Smith, right wrist bruised; Fred Eastman, printer, face cut; Henry Martin, insurance man, legs bruised under a seat; Wilbur Tib-bets, right hand bruised; J. W. Whitaker, of the Minneapolis & St. Louis railway, back injured; August Korner, State Treas-urer, right knee and hand bruised; H. J. Leper, salesman for Van Slyck, Young & Co., back injured; John Lynch, cut on head; others were shaken up but not injured to

Eight Section Men Injured. GALLATIN, Tenn., May 18 .- A serious accident occurred yesterday at South Tunnel, N. railroad. A freight train stopped in the the tunnel, which is very dark. A handcar, way to work, while attempting to pass through the tunnel, ran into the caboose. The following were injured: James Hall, internal injuries; Samuel Collins, lost a thumb; Charles Roberts, internal injuries and two ribs broken; Ed Furgeson, scalp wound; Benjamin Mabrick, scalp wound and other bruises; pilot Hall, internal injuries; section foreman Hillman, scalp wound; Charles Brooks, fractured skull.

Engineer Killed.

BOUNDBROOK, N. J., May 18 .- A colision of coal and freight trains on the Central Railroad of New Jersey, near here this morning, wrecked both trains and blocked the tracks for several hours. Engin-eer Harry Buck was instantly killed, fire-man William Sanders terribly burned and the conductor of the coal train cut and

Two Miners Killed. BUTTE, Mont., May 18 .- John Barry, shift boss, and James McGarvin, miner, were killed in the Anaconda mine here to-day. The former was "blasted," while the latter was struck by a descending cage in the

Two Men Horribly Mangled. CUSTER CITY, Pa., May 18.-The glycerine tank at the Rock Glycerine Company's plant exploded to-day. Patrick Brogan and Peter Barnes were horribly mangled and will probably die.

Killed by Falling Slate. WINFIELD, W. Va., May 18.-Charles and Andrew Smith were killed and Robert Smith fatally injured by falling slate at

WESTERN SILVERITES

ADDRESS TO THE PEOPLE ADOPTED BY THE UTAH CONFERENCE.

It Says Free-Coinage Advocates Are Not Thieves Seeking to Swindle with Fifty-Cent Dollars.

SALT LAKE, Utah, May 18.-The silver conference just before adjourning unanimouhly adopted the following address to the people of the United States:

"We desire to say that the people whom we represent are not an aggregation of thieves seeking to swindle honest creditors with fifty-cent dollars. There are no more patriotic citizens of the American Republie than those active, earnest, energetic men and women who have left the comforts of their Eastern homes to build the highways of national progress in the far West. If they believed that the complete restoration of silver would operate as an injury to the country as a whole, or an injustice to any class, regardless of its local effect in this Western region, they would at once and forever abandon the

"The greatest good to the greatest number is their motto, and it is in this spirit that they, irrespective of party affilia-tions, present themselves almost as a unit demanding the free coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, with full tender functions accorded to each, and no discrimination against either. "It is not as silver miners, but as citizens of the Republic, mindful of its every interest, that we take this position. The representatives from California, Oregon and Wyoming, States which produce little or no silver, feel that their people have been deeply injured by the demonetization of that metal, as those living in any State or Territory in which silver mining is a "In making this demand we are asking

nothing new. The monetary system this country was founded not upon gold alone, not upon silver alone, but upon both silver and gold at a certain ratio to each other, without limitation upon the coinage of either, and each standing upon equal footing before the law. The system was founded by Hamilton; sanctioned by Washington and Jefferson, its wisdom and justice questioned by none, until the year 1873, when, without notice to the people, the standard silver dollar was dropped from the coinage of the country, and every debt therein existing, public and private, aggregating thousands and millions of dollars, was made payable in gold alone. We have intelligence enough to comprehend its significance, and people who oppose the undoing of that wrong should be exceeding-ly careful how they accuse other people

of dishonesty. world that thus stealthily destroyed the try. Those men own and control vast sums money and debts payable in money. They understood that if silver could be destroyed by stopping its coinage and limiting its legal tender, their claims, thus being payable exclusively in gold or its equivalent, the gold itself would become more valuable. They understood perfectly that a gold dollar with a silver dollar by its side, sharing its functions and meeting part of the demands, was an entirely different measure of value from what that gold dollar would be standing alone. They knew that by the inexorable law of supply and demand the value of gold must other species of property must certainly fall. This is exactly what has taken place. The business of the world is done upon a money basis. It is measured in

chosen: Colorado, E. B. Light; Idaho, G. V. Bryan; California, H. W. Langenour; Montana; F. T. Merrill; New Mexico, Bradford Prince; Oregon, Sydney Bell; Washington, W. C. James; Wyoming, F. W. Mandell; Utah, R. C. Chambers.

Western Miners for Free Silver. DENVER, Col., May 18 .- The convention of the Western Federation of Miners has adopted resolutions supporting the principles of the Omaha Populist platform, favoring the unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

SCHOFIELD AT MEMPHIS.

The Lieutenant General and His Staff Visit the Interstate Drill Grounds.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 18.-The train arriving on the Memphis & Charleston railroad at 7:15 o'clock this morning brought a private Pullman car bearing the most distinguished party yet attracted to Memphis by the interstate dill and encampment. The party consisted of Lieutenant General John M. Schofield, commanding the U. S. A. Mrs. Schofield and Miss Kilbourne, her sister; Lieutenant Calonel C. B. Schofield and Lieutenant Colonel J. P. Sanger, of the General's staff; Mr. W. B. Schofield, son of the Lieutenant General and the General's private secretary, Mr. E. J. Becker. The visitors were met at the depot by Major General R. B. Snowden, commanding the encampment, accompanied by Colonel E. S. Kellogg, Fifth Infantry; General Joseph Wheeler, of Alabama, and a detachment of troops consisting of troops D and K, Third Cavalry, under Major Keyes, and Company A, United Confederate Veterans, under Captain W. W. Carnes-the latter's command composed of men who met General Franklin, Tenn., in the fall of 1864, and who Third Cavalry completed the detachment. When the party left the coach the troops riages which were in waiting. In the first, General Schofield was seated with Generals Snowden and Wheeler and Colonel Kellogg, in the next, Mrs. Schofield, Miss Kilbourne and Mr. W. B. Schofield; in the third, Lieu-tenant Colonel Schofield and Lieutenant Colonel Sanger. The line of carriages, headed by the band and escorted by the troops, moved down Main street to the Peabody Hotel, where the party breakfasted. At 11 o'clock General Schofield received the officers of the army temporarily sta-tioned here. Later he and the members of his party attended a reception given in their honor at the residence of Mr. W. B.

This afternoon the General visited Camp Schofield, but only in a private capacity.

He will appear in state and review the

troops on Monday.

Mrs. Lease Will Practice Law. TOPEKA, Kan., May 18.-It is reported that Mrs. Mary E. Lease and Miss Mary Morrill, both of Wichita, will shortly form a law partnership and open offices in To-peka and Kansas City, Kan. Mrs. Lease into politics. Miss Morrill has been stenographer at the Topeka insane asylum for several months. She is a graduate of the law department of the University of Ann

Glenn Stabbed in the Abdomen. Frank Glenn, living at No. 174 Minerva street, was stabbed in the abdomen last evening while not far from his home. Dr. J. B. Long dressed the injury which is not thought to be serious. It is said that Glenn the latter having in his hand an open knife. Connelly either accidentally or purposely cut Glenn and afterward disappeared.

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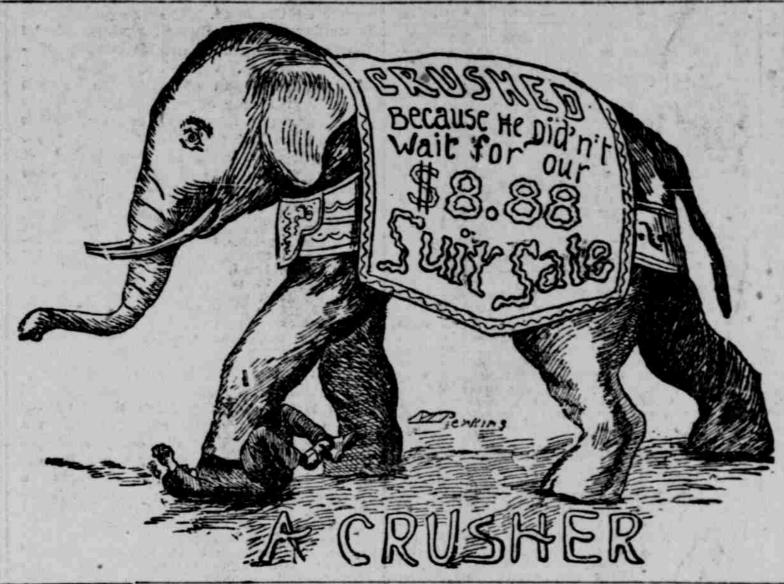
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